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REF: BELIZE 199

E. O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PGOV, BH, GT, MX, UK  
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF BELIZEAN OPPOSITION LEADERS

1. UNDP LEADERS DEAN LINDO AND MANUEL ESQUIVEL WERE IN MEXICO FROM FEB 27- MARCH 1 OR 2. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEW THAT GUATEMALAN CLAIM SHOULD BE SEPARATED FROM INDEPENDENCE IN NEGOTIATIONS TO MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER SANTIAGO ROEL. BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCES INDICATE VISIT WAS ARRANGED BY GOVERNOR OF THE TERRITORY OF QUINTANA ROO, WHO WENT TO SCHOOL IN BELIZE AND IS A FRIEND OF BOTH PRICE AND LINDO. WE BELIEVE LINDO AND ESQUIVEL EVENTUALLY MET ROEL ON MARCH 1, AFTER EARLIER ATTEMPTS FOR APPOINTMENTS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.

2. IN FEB 27 MEETING WITH EMBOFFS, UDP LEADERS OUTLINED THEIR VIEWS ON SEPARATING TERRITORIAL CLAIM FROM INDEPENDENCE QUESTION. THEY ALSO MENTIONED THEIR INSISTENCE  
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ON HOLDING ELECTIONS BEFORE INDEPENDENCE, OR HOLDING A REFERENDUM ON INDEPENDENCE. BOTH TACTICS WOULD EVIDENTLY SATISFY THEIR GOAL OF DELAYING INDEPENDENCE. THEY THOUGHT BELIZE COULD BEST NEGOTIATE THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION WITH THE LAUGERUD GOVERNMENT. IN PRINCIPLE THEY ARE AGAINST ANY TERRITORIAL CESSION, AND PARTICULARLY AREAS WHERE THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT OIL EXISTS. THOMPSON

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